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FIRST WILD CARD 2 \$5,000 WINNER

Bismarck – Dolores Renner checked her Wild Card 2 ticket several times. At first she thought she had won \$20. Then she thought maybe \$200 or more. She called the Lottery twice to check the winning numbers. Just to be sure, at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 30 she went back to Dickinson's Simonson Store to check with them. Sure enough, she had matched five numbers and won \$5,000.

She actually won \$5,000 and \$1 on the same ticket. "Along with my five matching numbers I had a King of Hearts instead of a King of Clubs. The King of Clubs would have won me the jackpot but he was the wild card on the very next line," she said. She won \$1 just for matching the wild card. The Wild Card 2 jackpot was not claimed by anyone and rolled to \$315,000 for the Saturday, October 2 draw.

Renner said she plans to pay a couple of bills and have a little fun with some of the money. "I'm going to give a tip to the gal at the Simonson Store who sold me the winning ticket," she said.

"Watching the lottery numbers on Wednesday and Saturday nights is the highlight of my life," Renner said. She said she used to play the Montana Lottery before North Dakota had a lottery. "It's nice to have our own lottery. We should have had one a long time ago, "she said.

To play the North Dakota Lottery's newest game, Wild Card 2, players first pick five numbers from 1-31. Then pick their Wild Card – one of four face cards (Jack, Queen, King or Ace) and one of the four suits (Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, or Spades). Or, players can ask for a "Quick Pick" which lets the Lottery computer select random numbers and face cards.

Players win if their numbers, in any order, match the numbers drawn. Jackpots start at \$100,000 and grow until someone wins. Jackpot winners will receive one lump sum cash payment. There is no annuity. Other prizes are \$1, \$2, \$5, \$20, \$500, \$5,000. The overall odds of winning a prize are 1:6 and players receive two plays for \$1.

Players will have a second chance to win more free trips by entering the Wild Card 2 Las Vegas Getaway sponsored by the Lottery and Allegiant Air. To enter, players must send their non-winning North Dakota Wild Card 2 tickets, purchased between September 23, 2004 and October 16, 2004, to the Lottery.

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